

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger ~~to facilitate identity verification~~, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to ~~the~~ a time of boarding and at a location beyond a security perimeter;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storage image output;

printing a human-cognizable image of the passenger directly onto said boarding pass;

associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized travel datum of the passenger;

storing said computer-storage image output associated with said electronic image in a centralized database; and

retrieving said computer-storage image output as said human-cognizable image on a video display in response to entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger into a computer in communication with said centralized database to facilitate identity verification of the passenger at the time of boarding.

2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable image occurs with a non-smudgeable ink.

6-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger ~~to facilitate identity verification~~, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to ~~the~~ a time of boarding;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storable image output;

encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto a boarding pass, said data series referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer independent of a human cognizable image of the passenger on said boarding pass;

reading the data series from said boarding pass to said computer database;

recalling a human-cognizable image of the passenger from said computer-storable image output, said computer-storable image output referenced to said data series with said computer database;

displaying said human-cognizable image on a video display interfaced with said computer database; and

comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the passenger presenting said boarding pass at the time of boarding to facilitate identity verification of the passenger at the time of boarding.